works on the gravity system including cultivation on slopes.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir. check bunds are provided for soil conservatition and dams for storage of water in the reservoirs.

Thermal Project of NTPC in Kerala

4729. SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:
DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation had proposed to construct a major installation near the proposed site for a thermal project of NTPC at Kayamkulam in Kerala;

(b) whether the installation is now proposed to be shifted to an area at Sansthamokotta; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Loss Caused by Chandil Dam in Bihar

4730. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chandil Dam, a part of the Subernarekla Multi purpose Project in Bihar, has claimed a number of lives;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whethr this has also caused damage to crops and property in a number of villages; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MNISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA:(a) and (b). The Project Administration has reported that no case of death by drowning or directly attributable to the flooding of villages by Chandil dam has come to their notice.

(c) and (d). The Chandil dam has been constructed upto spillway crest level. With water impounding upto the crest, 6 villages were fully affeoted, in another 12 villages, houses and agricultural land were affected partially and in 29 other villages, water entered the agriculture fields without affecting main body of villages or houses. In some of the later category the paddy fields to the extent of 5% were affected. Payment of compensation for land and houses acquired has been completed in ail but one in the first 30 villages of Chandil submergence area, except for cases where there has been disputes over ownership rights. Even after payment of compensation villagers continued cultivation in acquired land. The Government is not obliged to pay cmpensation for loss of standing crop on acquired land.

Disinvestment Proposal of ICC

4731. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Oil Corporation has submitted any proposal for disinvestment of 20 percent of the Government holdings in the Company;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and